



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Shotaro YAMAGUCHI

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For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING  
THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR,  
AND USE THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT  
APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID  
SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This response is in regard to the Notice to Comply, and attached Raw Sequence Listing Error Report, issued in the above referenced patent application. As the Notice to Comply was mailed January 22, 2002, and set an one-month period for response, this response is timely filed as it is being filed on or before February 22, 2002.

On the Notice to Comply, the Examiner states that the present application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 for the reasons listed on the marked-up Raw Sequence Listing.

The Examiner further states that Applicants must provide a substitute paper copy and computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing, and a Statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and that they include no new matter.

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY**

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In response, Applicants include herewith a paper copy and a CRF copy of the revised Sequencing Listing, a Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825, and a copy of the Notice to Comply with attachments.

Applicants assert that the Response to the Notice to Comply and the enclosures are being timely filed, and that the enclosures bring the present application in full compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The Sequence Listing has been revised to correct each of the errors noted on the Raw Sequence Listing Error Report. No new matter has been introduced.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that the Sequence Listing in the present application meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825.

Respectfully submitted,



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